

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently amended) A temperature altering system, comprising:

a blanket sized and dimensioned to drape over a horse;
first and second pockets disposed on an underside of the blanket, each of which has a cavity that includes a removable temperature altering device, and each of which is freely positionable about the blanket using hook and loop fasteners;
~~and,~~
wherein the first pocket has a first size and the second pocket has a second size that is different from the first size; and
a flap coupled to the blanket, wherein the flap includes another pocket positioned to deliver a temperature altering regimen to a stifle joint of the horse.

62. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the underside of the blanket includes a wicking material.

63. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the first pocket has a flap disposed to assist in keeping a corresponding one of the temperature altering devices within a cavity of the first pocket.

64. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the first pocket has a zipper disposed to assist in keeping a corresponding one of the temperature altering devices within a cavity of the first pocket.

65. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the first pocket has a button disposed to assist in keeping a corresponding one of the temperature altering devices within a cavity of the first pocket.

66. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the first pocket has a temperature reflective material on a side adjacent the blanket.

67. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the pockets mate with a top side of the blanket.

68. (Currently amended) The system of claim 61, wherein the temperature altering device ~~can be~~ is a series of electrically controlled heating elements.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the blanket further comprises a leg flap coupled to a rear portion of the blanket, and including an additional pocket.

71. (Previously presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the blanket further comprises a detachable neck protrusion, wherein the protrusion includes an additional pocket.

72. (Currently amended) The system of claim 61, wherein the blanket further comprises a front end and a rear end, wherein the front end includes a cut away portion that rests just above a withers region of the horse, and wherein the rear end of the blanket covers a horse's hindquarter region. ~~flaps that cover a horse's neck above a withers region and extending rearward to cover a hindquarter region of the horse.~~

~~72~~73. (Currently amended) The system of claim 61, wherein the first size and dimension of the first pocket is configured to contact the horse's spinal muscles.

~~73~~74. (Currently amended) The system of claim 61, wherein the second size and dimension of the second pocket is configured to contact at least one of the horse's shoulder and hip muscles.

75. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein the blanket further comprises a row of fixed pockets positioned to deliver the temperature altering regimen to a horse's spinal muscles.